



PATENT

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Client Ref. No.: 219901095US1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

RYOU NAKAGAKI

Application No.: 09/823,638

Filed: March 30, 2001

For: METHOD FOR CLASSIFYING
DEFECTS AND DEVICE FOR THE
SAME

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 6928

Examiner: Jeffery A. Shapiro

Technology Center/Art Unit: 3653

AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH RCE

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Commissioner for Patents

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 23, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 23, 2005 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. This amendment is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Petition to Extend Time for one month.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.